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computer. If you prefer, you may submit actual
photos; however, they will not be returned.**



From the President . . . Steve Eller

Greetings from Western North Carolina,

I want to take time and thank all those folks that sent me cards and messages thanking me for hosting the Eller Family Association Conference this year. They were greatly appreciated and I hope we all remember to do the same for the host of our next conference. I enjoyed meeting family that I had never met before. I feel honored to have been selected as president for the next two years. The Eller Family Association has a long and proud history. The organization has been around for over 30 years now. We would like to see some younger folks join and get involved. If you have any ideas that may help us accomplish this, please contact me. I will be accepting ideas in writing until the end of this year.

I continue my efforts to update the John Jacob Eller and His Descendants Book. I continue to find new leads every day and we now have about 22,500 names listed. It has been a great adventure so far. I have found Eller Descendants that were my neighbors, delivered my mail, went to church with and helped maintain my vehicles that turned out to be distant cousins. I really enjoy seeing where all the family moved to and the stories of how they got there when I contact them. My family will not go with me on Sunday drives as I most always end up in a cemetery somewhere.

As most of you know, my wife was diagnosed with breast cancer right before the conference. We have completed two chemo treatments and are dealing with the effects of the treatments. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. I also found out recently that I am going to be a grandpa. My son Korey and his wife (Whitney) are expecting in February.

As a reminder, please remember to send in your dues. If you receive the Chronicles by mail, the due date is on the label. If you receive them by email and don't know your due date, let me know and I will find out for you.

Please enjoy this edition of the Chronicles. Dan does a great job and is looking for your family stories to include in future publications.

May God Bless and Keep You until next time,

Steve Eller

EFA President

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From the Secretary . . . Lauren Liggett

Dear Eller cousins,

We had such a good time together in NC. Our host, Steve Eller, did a great job there. Staying at the Hinton Center was much more relaxing than the usual hotel venue. I was torn as to how to spend my spare time.

There was Farkle being played downstairs and Chicken Foot being played on the main floor. I did get some good exercise going up and down the stairs!

It was usually nice and quiet there on the top floor where we were staying. Except for that one morning when Uncle Ed accidentally switched the heat on in his room and it set the smoke alarms off all over the house. At least it waited until 6:30 AM to go off.

Dan and I arrived a couple of days early to the conference as there were cousins in the area that I planned to visit. On Wednesday my cousin Steve took us up to the Old Smyrna Cemetery where my Gt. Gt. Grandfather, Hardy Washington Eller is buried. It is now part of a national forest. We went in his 4-wheel drive Jeep, but still had to park about a half mile out and walk in. There are several deep mud holes along the road there where people have gone in with their mud boggers and created messes. On our return trip down the mountain, it started pouring down rain. Dan and I were sitting in the back with no covering. We tried to hold a tarp over ourselves, but it started leaking. All I could do was laugh as I felt that rain water running down my back and soaking down my clothes. Steve took our picture during a lull in the rain.



It was a fun trip in spite of the rain. I told Steve it was better than any ride at Disney World. 😊

I always enjoy my trips to NC. I now have a fresh stockpile of the Cheer Wine soft drink and plan to ration them out to one per week. Once they're gone it's back to Dr. Pepper.

Hope you enjoy seeing all the pictures from our conference in July. If you didn't make it to this one, I hope you will plan to join us in July of 2023. We may be in Indiana for that one!

Your new EFA secretary/treasurer,

Lauren Eller Liggett

EFA Secretary/Treasurer

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From the Webmaster . . . Harvey Powers

What a great Conference we had in Haysville last month. A great turnout. Good program. And lots of opportunities to renew friendships. Many thanks to Steve Eller for his work.

The next Conference is tentatively scheduled for July 19-22, 2023. I know it's a long way off but please mark it in your calendars and put a bug in the ear of family members who might be inclined to come. It is critical that we start involving the next generation if we want to see the EFA continue.

I believe it's also critical that we expand interest beyond the Jacob Eller line. As a result, the membership approved the suggestion we hold the 2023 Conference in the Bloomington, Indiana, area (Monroe County) in 2023.

John Eller (1786-1840) and his wife, Susan Smith Eller (1788-1867), moved to Monroe County from Kentucky with their family, including his mother, Christina Yost Eller (1755-1844), about 1832.



*John Eller, Sr. headstone in the Eller Cemetery,
Monroe County, IN. (Find-A-Grave Photo)*

They settled on the Eller Farm (about 400 acres) five miles west of Bloomington. John was a Justice of the Peace and a Probate Judge. He was the grandson of Christian Eller.

We've documented nearly a thousand of John's descendants but I was the only one at this year's Conference. I may be optimistic, but with the Conference in the Monroe County area, I hope we can improve on that.

It won't be the first "reunion" for the Indiana Ellers. A 1901 [clipping from the Bloomington Telephone](#) refers to the "...annual reunion of the Eller family. It is always held at what is known as the Eller burying ground, 6 miles west of the city, on the well-known Eller farm..." Much of the "Eller farm" was sold for the Monroe County Airport.

More on John Eller [here](#). And his descendants, [here](#).

If you have family in Indiana, please send me their name and email so I can start trying to recruit them for the conference.

I hope to have a Christian Eller book ready by 2023. Donn Koenig has already researched a great deal of the George Eller, Jr. (1777-1851) line and I've been working on the book as well. Because it will be hundreds of pages, I believe the book will be available only on CD. The information is available elsewhere in this publication.

Harvey Powers

EFA Webmaster

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From the Editor . . . Dan Liggett



This edition of ~~The Eller Chronicles~~ is dedicated to remembering the 17th Biennial Eller Family Conference that was held in Hayesville, NC on July 14-18, 2019. Unless I missed somebody, I counted 59 people who attended at least one conference activity. Time well spent meeting new Ellers and renewing relationships with Ellers met before.

Below is a list of attendees to the 2021 Eller Family Conference:

Judy Anderson	Candy Eller	Lois Hardy	Sharon McKillip
Totsy Anderson	John C Eller	Jerry Kendall	Faye Minton
Anna Marie Bliss	Eric Eller	Sanders Keener	Gazette Morgan
David Carswell	Richard Eller	Betty Kinsey	Randy Poplin
Debra Cole	Ron Eller	Kim Knight	Tammy Poplin
Emily Cook	Diane Eller	Pat Lance	Molly Poplin
Rusty Dicken	Ed Eller	Brenda Kay	Harvey Powers
Darlene Dicken	Jacob Elliott	Ledford	Lois Powers
Steve Eller	Emily Elliott	Dan Liggett	Deonda Shook
Jan Eller	Gene Ellison	Lauren Liggett	Jerry Taylor
Korey Eller	Gloria Ellison	Terry Lynn	Tina Underwood
Whitney Eller	Brenda Franklin	Marshall	Christine Walker
Stanley Eller	Dean Fox	Amy McCollum	Danny Woods
Johnnie Eller	Jennette Fox	Amy L. McCollum	Effie Woods
David G. Eller	Lee Hardy	Larry McKillip	



My personal highlight was the jeep ride to the Old Smyrna Cemetery provided by Steve Eller even though Lauren and I got soaked in the rain on the return trip. Here is a link to a video of Steve telling us some of the [history](#) and another of the [difficult](#) last ½ mile.

Please send me any suggestions or submissions for future Chronicles.



My contact information is found on both the front page and at the end of this publication. My address has changed since the May Chronicles.

Dan Liggett

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Board/Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Dan Liggett

The July 15, 2021 Board/Directors meeting started at 4:00pm EDT. In conjunction with the Members meeting at the EFA Conference, those Board and Directors present were Lauren Liggett, Dan Liggett, Ed Eller, Harvey Powers, Anna Bliss, Steve Eller, Jerry Kendall, Emily Cook, and David Eller. Corrine Casper was unable to attend the conference.

During the morning Members session, Steve Eller was elected as the new President and Lauren Liggett was elected as the new Secretary/Treasurer with Anna Bliss remaining as the Vice President and the Editor (Dan Liggett) and Webmaster (Harvey Powers) remaining the same as well.

After some debate over whether the next conference should be in Dalton, GA or Monroe County, IN, it was decided to hold the July 2023 EFA Family Conference in Monroe County, IN with Harvey Powers hosting. Concerns expressed included the possibility of losing attendees with a more distant location than recent conferences. The hope is to attract more than “regular” participants and hopefully non-John Jacob Eller lines will be better represented.

Ed Eller gave his financial report in the morning member session, which will be listed after these minutes.

The proposed EFA By-Laws changes were approved by the Members in the morning session, so the finished version will be listed after these minutes.

Steve reported he now has over 22,000 records in his update of the John Jacob Eller book.

In the April Board meeting, it was suggested that we need to locate a male descendant from the Roanoke Ellers (Jacob Eller line, primarily in Salem, VA these days) who would be willing to donate his DNA to the Eller Family Project. From that DNA, we should be able to determine whether or not they connect with any of the known Eller lines (see a series of articles on the [Roanoke Ellers](#) beginning with the [May 1988](#) Eller Chronicles). As a result of asking for a volunteer in the May 2021 Chronicles, we now have a volunteer that fits that scenario. The new secretary/treasurer Lauren Liggett will arrange to have a DNA kit sent to him.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm EDT.

Eller Family Association

Income and Expense

Year End for June 30, 2020

Year End for June 30, 2021

Income	Year End 2020	Year End 2021
Conference Registration	446.00	4,563.74
Dues (regular)	1,124.00	1,050.00
Sales GME Book	50.00	
Sales Cookbook	35.00	
 Total Income	 3,180.00	 5,603.34
 Expense		
Conference Expense	625.65	
Chronicles Publishing	293.35	517.71
Postage	437.67	423.67
EFA Website	299.40	309.40
Hinton Center		600.00
Office Supplies		270.00
Western Digital (Steve)		481.47
Ancestry.com	299.40	299.40
Snacks for Conference	50.00	
National General		50.00
Conference Awards	60.00	
Conference Banquet	634.68	
Vans Rental	180.00	
Simple Hosting	293.35	113.57
 Total Expense	 3,123.20	 3,065.30
 Net Income	 56.80	 4,206.09
Case Balance beginning	1,602.75	1,657.65
 Case Balance year end	 1,657.65	 4,206.09
Regions Bank	14,501.00	14,646.00
 Total Cash	 16,215.55	 18,852.09

EFA By-Laws

After the vote at the EFA Member meeting on July 15, 2021:

OFFICIAL BY-LAWS Of THE ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this non-profit association shall be THE ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION shall be:

1. To promote a sense of kinship and a consciousness of ELLER history and tradition.
2. To promote and publicize local family reunions.
3. To hold a biennial family conference open to all ELLER and allied family members worldwide.
4. To encourage the restoration and maintenance of cemeteries or other sites of meaning to various ELLER families.
5. To encourage and aid genealogical and historical research on ELLER and allied families worldwide.
6. To encourage and assist in the publication of ELLER family histories and ELLER related genealogies.
7. To publish THE ELLER CHRONICLES, which shall be the official publication of the Association.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in THE ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION (hereafter EFA) shall be open to all persons and organizations subscribing to its purposes and has paid dues to date.
2. Any member may withdraw from membership by filing resignation with the Secretary of EFA, or by non-payment of dues.
3. Any member may be removed, with or without cause, at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members in attendance at a duly constituted general membership meeting.

ARTICLE IV - DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

1. Annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be due on the anniversary date of joining the EFA. Membership dues shall include four quarterly issues of the ELLER CHRONICLES. Back issues of THE ELLER CHRONICLES shall be made available to members and non-members at a cost set by the Board of Directors.
2. Charter Members are those who were accepted for membership prior to November 1, 1988.
3. Donor Members are those who contribute \$35.00 annually.
4. Sustaining Members are those who contribute \$100.00 annually.
5. Honorary Life Members are those recognized by the Board of Directors for outstanding contributions to the EFA. They are exempt from annual dues. Life Members are those who have paid Life Membership dues.
6. Contributions are amounts paid beyond the amount of dues required for membership, and shall be acceptable at any time. Contributions may be designated by the donor for any EFA approved project of donor's choice.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings of the EFA membership shall be held every other year in conjunction with the Eller Family Conference, the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. The goal will be to hold meetings in the East, West, and Middle regions of the U. S.
2. Any meeting of the EFA membership shall be duly constituted when the following criteria are met:
 - a. No less than 4 states are represented.
 - b. A quorum shall consist of 10 members, including at least three members of the Board of Directors.

3. The general membership meeting of EFA shall include the election of officers and board members, the President's annual report, and other business as may properly come before the meeting.
4. Notice of any EFA meeting shall:
 - a. Be announced in THE ELLER CHRONICLES.
 - b. Shall be postmarked at least 60 days prior to the scheduled date if sent by mail.
 - c. Include a proposed budget, and an agenda approved by the Board of Directors. The agenda will be adhered to at all membership meetings.
5. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as provided in Article VII.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

1. The officers of the EFA shall consist of a President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer.
2. Officers shall be members in good standing and shall also serve as members of the Board of Directors. Officers and Directors shall serve for a term of two years, and thereafter shall be eligible to be reelected to the same office upon the approval of the Board and election by the members.
3. Nominations for office shall:
 - a. Be made by a committee of three or more members appointed by the President at least six months prior to the regular biennial meeting.
 - b. Be made from the floor at general membership meetings.
 - c. Be made by any member contacting the President, in writing, with a petition signed by at least (5) members requesting a named member be placed in nomination and included on the ballot.
 - d. Nominees must sign a statement agreeing to serve prior to being nominated from the floor or by written petition.
4. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors prior to *serve until* the next general membership meeting.
5. The duties of the officers shall be substantially as provided herein, with such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.
 - a. The President shall:
 - 1) Preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors *and* the general meetings of the EFA membership.
 - 2) Carry out the policies of the EFA as established by the Board of Directors.
 - 3) Appoint project coordinators and support their efforts.
 - 4) Appoint committees and send a complete list of all committees to the secretary to be retained in the minutes book.
 - b. The Vice President shall:
 - 1) Fulfill the duties of the President in the latter's absence.
 - 2) Shall promote the policies and projects of the EFA.
 - c. The Secretary/Treasurer shall:
 - 1) Record and transcribe the minutes of all general membership meetings of the EFA, and maintain a permanent minute book.
 - 2) Maintain a current roster of the membership of the EFA
 - 3) Be the custodian of all official records exclusive of those pertaining to the responsibilities of the Editor of THE ELLER CHRONICLES.
 - 4) Receive all inquiries to the EFA other than those specifically directed to other officers or members of the Board.
 - 5) Be the principal accounting and financial officer of the Association. He/She shall have charge of and be responsible for the maintenance of adequate books of account, have charge and custody of all funds and securities received for and in the name of the EFA from any source and be responsible for the disbursement thereof. Any exception from this procedure shall require unanimous consent of the Board of Directors.
 - 6) Make annual financial reports to the EFA membership in THE ELLER CHRONICLES, August issue, which immediately follows the end of the fiscal year (Jul 31).

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The officers, elected or appointed directors, the Editor of THE ELLER CHRONICLES and the EFA Webmaster shall constitute the Board of Directors.
2. The term of service governing officers shall apply to all members of the Board of Directors.
3. The Board of Directors shall:
 - a. Meet quarterly by phone, if feasible, and every other year in person in conjunction with the general meeting.
 - b. Establish policies that govern all matters that pertain to the business and operation of the EFA and approve all programs and projects that advance the purposes of the EFA.
 - c. Authorize the expenditure of monies for duly approved projects to further the purposes of EFA.
4. Authorize and fund a review of the financial records of the Association as deemed appropriate by the Board.
5. A quorum of the Board shall consist of four Board members including at least one officer. Minutes of all Board meetings shall be published in THE ELLER CHRONICLES. Board meetings shall be open to all members of EFA.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

A committee shall be defined as a group appointed by the President or Board of Directors to accomplish a specific goal, such as the "Nominating Committee".

Project Coordinators shall be defined as one member appointed by the President or Board of Directors to perform a specific task, such as "coordinate the biennial conference". A project coordinator may seek the advice and help of any other member of the EFA in carrying out an assignment.

1. The President shall:
 - a. Establish such committees as he or the board deem necessary. He shall assign their mission, and limit their size and tenure. A committee shall be dissolved when its mission has been accomplished, or upon the expiration of its designated term.
 - b. Appoint project coordinators to coordinate the efforts of many members to accomplish an assigned task that might require more than the efforts of a committee.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed by the Board at a general meeting for approval by the membership. Provisional amendments to the By-Laws may be agreed upon and deemed "in effect" by the Board of Directors in an official Board meeting, but they will not be made a permanent amendment until voted on by the membership at the next bi-annual EFA Member meeting.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of THE ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION and/or the final completion of its business affairs, the remaining assets of the Association shall be distributed in the following manner:

1. Funding for professional research in the Eller Family Lines in Germany and surrounding areas relevant to American Eller Family lines to be administered by a committee of at least 2 EFA members. Results to be added to the EFA Archives and Website where appropriate.
2. The upkeep of the ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION ARCHIVES, located at the Rowan County Library, Salisbury, North Carolina.
3. The upkeep of the EFA website: www.ellerfamilyassociation.com
4. The upkeep of the Eller Family Project with Family Tree DNA
(<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/eller/about>)

The Eller Family Association's 17th Biennial Conference ***Hayesville, North Carolina*** ***July 14 - 18, 2021***



This year, the Conference was held at the Hinton Center of Hayesville, NC, just across the lake from Hiawassee, GA. The primary lodging and meeting place was the Johnson Retreat overlooking Lake Chatuge.

Several people arrived a day or two early to enjoy the spectacular view from the back porch and to spend extra time visiting with family.



New people took advantage of early arrival to figure out how they fit in. Below, Ed Eller talks with newcomers Larry and Sharon McKillip.



Others took advantage of fewer people around to visit a few local cemeteries, including the Old Smyrna Cemetery with host Steve Eller.



The Old Ledford Chapel Cemetery



From atop Bell Mountain



Steve Eller, Anna Bliss, Lauren Liggett, Dan Liggett



Ranzey Eller's old house



Macedonia Cemetery



The journey to Old Smyrna Cemetery started at Lower Hightower Baptist Church



Then the road turned to gravel (a recent improvement) and eventually it was just dirt and mud



In fact, the last half mile or so was impassible even for a jeep, so it was time to walk (carefully)



Eventually the Old Smyrna Cemetery



At the grave of Hardy Washington Eller and a water break before the return journey



Cleaning off muddy shoes just before the rain started



Only a tarp to keep out the rain



Meanwhile, more arrivals



Off to Rib Country BBQ for dinner



And back to teach the newbies how to play Farkle



Ed Eller opens a gift from Gene Ellison



On Thursday, president Lauren Liggett issues a greeting and starts the first meeting





Secretary/Treasurer Ed Eller asks everyone to introduce themselves and tell their Eller line



Johnnie and Stanley Eller (Steve's brother) - JJE



Candy and David Eller – GME



Darlene and Rusty Dicken – GME



Lois and Harvey Powers – CE



Jerry Kendall – JJE



Gloria and Gene Ellison – JJE



Diane and Ron Eller – GME



Richard and Eric Eller - GME



Jennette and Dean Fox - JJE



Emily Cook, John C. Eller, Debra Cole - JJE



Anna Marie Bliss - JJE



Pat Lance - JJE



Lee and Lois Hardy - JJE



Sharon and Larry McKillip – JJE
(through Jake “the rascal” Eller – Winterbower)



Steve Eller (host) – JJE



Ed Eller - JJE



Faye Minton and Christine Walker – GME



Danny and Effie Woods – JJE
(through William Bill Eller)



Christine Walker presented her research on the mystery photo from the previous EFA Conference



David Eller spoke about some of his exploits



A break for lunch upstairs in the kitchen area



Lauren Liggett and Christine Walker catching up



Afternoon speaker Jerry Taylor in the foreground



Moved to Moore Hall for the afternoon speaker



Tammy Poplin, Molly Poplin, Randy Poplin, Ed Eller



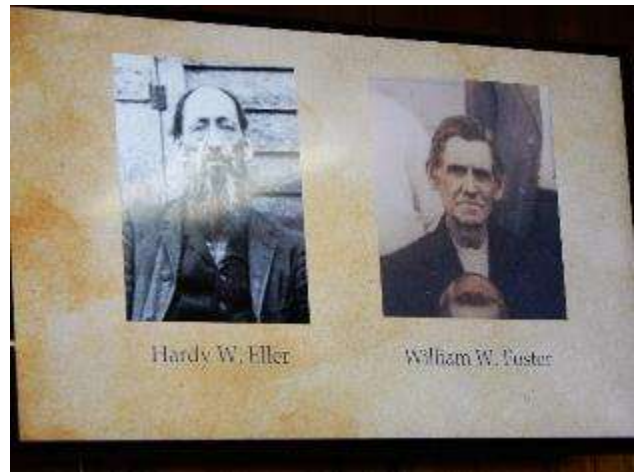
A few extra people came just to hear Jerry Taylor speak



David Carswell



Brenda Kay Ledford, Brenda Franklin, Gazette Morgan



Jerry Taylor spoke of Eller Descendants in Towns and Clay Counties and then about the trial of the murderer of J. Goddard (buried in the Old Smyrna Cemetery). Hardy W. Eller was on the jury.



And back to the Johnson House for a presentation by Webmaster Harvey Powers and a few miscellaneous pieces of business, including a Member/Board Meeting where Steve Eller was elected President and Lauren Liggett was elected Secretary/Treasurer.



The evening was filled with conversation and a chance to teach the next generation a thing or two



On Friday, all met at Head of Tennessee Baptist Church Cemetery in Dillard, GA to visit the grave of Susannah "Sukey" Eller (JJE). Several members of the EFA sponsored the new grave marker there.





Susannah "SUKEY" Eller – old and new memorial

Group Picture



Left to right: Steve Eller, Sharon McKillip, Rusty Dicken, Jerry Kindall, Lauren Liggett, Dan Liggett, Harvey Powers, Ed Eller, John C. Eller, Lois Powers, Debra Cole, Anna Bliss, Gene Ellison, Gloria Ellison, Emily Cook, Eric Eller, Richard Eller



Lunch at nearby Dillard House



A little early for lunch, but worth the wait

Family style: Chicken, catfish, broccoli casserole, butternut squash soufflé, corn on the cob, lima beans, cabbage casserole, corn bread, yeast rolls and apple cobbler with ice cream for dessert



Several went on to visit Helen, Ga, a Bavarian town south of Hiawassee.



Various artisans sell their wares in Helen



And other things there are just for fun



Back at Johnson House, Deonda Eller Shook (JJE) joined the group



Another evening of Farkle and something new - ChickenFoot (introduced by the McKillips)



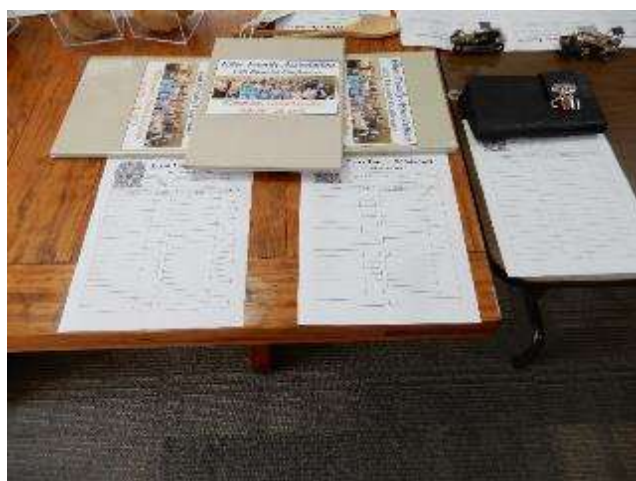
Breakfasts were cooked by Ed Eller or Harvey Powers. Food was provided by the EFA.



Enjoyed by one and all



Saturday morning. Silent Auction time in the lobby of Moore Hall. May the bidding begin.



Souvenir books of the 2019 EFA Conference



Nice repurposing of old EFA Conference t-shirts



Crafted windchimes anyone?



Bird houses made by John C. Eller



Wow. A framed picture of Hardy Washington Eller. Ed Eller won a bidding war against Lauren Eller Liggett for a picture of his great grandfather and her great-great grandfather.



2021 EFA Conference T-Shirts



Harvey helping with genealogy research and Steve adding to John Jacob Eller update project



Meeting newly found relatives



Sanders Keener with Jerry Kendall



Catching up with relatives met previously



Tina Underwood, Totsy Anderson and
Judy Anderson with Jerry Kendall



Kim Knight and Amy McCollum



Visiting back at Johnson House before preparations for pictures and the banquet

Pictures before the banquet



Emily and Jacob Elliot



Whitney and Korey Eller



Dean and Jennette Fox



Harvey and Lois Powers



Richard and Eric Eller



Molly, Tammy and Randy Poplin



Jan and Steve Eller



Gloria and Gene Ellison



Sharon and Larry McKillip



John C. Eller, Emily Cook, Debra Cole



Deonda Shook



Rusty and Darlene Dicken



Lee and Lois Hardy



Jerry Kendall



Anna Bliss



Terry Lynn Marshall



Kim Knight, Pat Lance, Amy McCollum, Amy Lorain McCollum



Randy Poplin Family



Steve Eller Family



Jennette Fox's Cousins

Eller Family Conference 2021



Porch: Larry McKillip, Whitney Eller, Sharron McKillip, Kory Eller, Lauren Liggett, Ed Eller, Jacob Elliot, Molly Poplin, Oliver Elliot, Randy Poplin, Steve Eller, Deonda Eller, Jan Eller, Eric Eller, Richard Eller, Jerry Kendall, Darlene Dicken, Rusty Dicken, Jennette Fox, Dean Fox

Top Step: Emily Elliot, Tammy Poplin, Harvey Powers, Gene Ellison

Second Step: Pat Lance, Kim Knight, Amy Loraine McCollum, Lois Powers, Gloria Ellison

Grass: Dan Liggett, Debra Cole, John C. Eller, Emily Cook, Amy McCollum, Anna Bliss, Lois Hardy, Lee Hardy

George Michael Eller Line



Rusty Dicken, Darlene Dicken, Richard Eller, Eric Eller

Christian Eller Line



Lois and Harvey Powers

John Jacob Eller Line



- Porch: Larry McKillip, Whitney Eller, Sharron McKillip, Korey Eller, Lauren Liggett, Ed Eller, Jacob Elliot, Molly Poplin, Randy Poplin, Oliver Elliot, Steve Eller, Jan Eller, Jerry Kendall, Jennette Fox, Dean Fox
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- Grass: Dan Liggett, Debra Cole, John C. Eller, Emily Cook, Amy McCollum, Anna Bliss, Lois Hardy, Lee Hardy



EFA Banquet: carved beef, pork loin, green beans, potatoes and a roll



And peach cobbler and ice cream for dessert



Pat Lance with sisters Anna Bliss & Lauren Liggett



Randy Poplin's Family



Steve Eller's Family



Master of Ceremonies Ed Eller starts the awards



Harvey Powers gets the President's Award



Dan Liggett gets the James W. Hook Award



Steve Eller gets the EFA Award



Richard Eller draws for the winner of the last Eller rug



The winner is ... Eric Eller (for the 3rd time)



Local pastor Chris Rumfelt (Eller descendent) and his twin sons provided the musical entertainment



At the conclusion of the music, Eric Eller presented the Eller rug he won to John C. Eller. Amazingly, Eric has won an Eller rug twice before (10 rugs raffled) and continued his tradition of giving the rug away to someone else. John was overwhelmed.





One last game of Farkle



Sunday morning and time to say "until we meet again"



"It was another great Eller Family Conference"



The buggy and golf cart were a great help

See you in Bloomington, Indiana in 2023 !

Eller Family Meets in Hayesville

By Steve Eller
(Summary of the Conference)

The Eller Family Association met in Hayesville, North Carolina last month. The event was held at the Hinton Center on Lake Chatuge. The EFA exists to assist all Eller and associated family lines worldwide to discover and preserve our historical past.

I was the host for this year's conference and wanted to take a different approach as far as lodging. We rented the Johnson Retreat House that has 15 bedrooms so that everyone would get to know each other better. I do believe we accomplished that goal. Every room was rented and overflow was directed to the Hinton Center RV sites and local hotels. The first day consisted of meetings and the election of new officers for the next two years. Yours truly was elected as the new president. We want to get more local folks interested in the EFA. The organization really needs some younger Eller Descendants to get involved.

The second day consisted of a trip to the Head of Tennessee Baptist Church in Dillard, Georgia where the matriarch of most all the local Eller Descendants was buried. Susannah "Sukey" Eller (born about 1787 in Sullivan County North Carolina, now Sullivan County, Tennessee) was the first Eller in Georgia (according to our research). Since we were going to be right next to the Dillard House, we just had to drop by and have lunch. The afternoon included trips to Helen, Georgia and to Bell Mountain.

The third day was Saturday and we conducted a silent auction to raise funds to help offset the cost of the conference. We also met local folks and enjoyed a meet and greet atmosphere. We conducted a photo session in the afternoon. The day was capped off with a dinner banquet. We had a great meal prepared by the Hinton Center Chef, Philip. The Chris Rumpf Family (Eller Descendants) was our musical entertainment for the evening.

I would like to encourage all you Eller's (and associated families) to think about joining the Eller Family Association. Our family newsletter is printed quarterly and is sent out to all members. Dan Liggett of McKinney, Texas is our Chronicles Editor and he does a really great job. Please visit our family website (www.ellerfamilyassociation.com) to see what is available there. If you are even remotely interested in your family roots, you will want to visit the website. Harvey Powers of Midlothian, Virginia is our Web Master. Harvey is a great asset to our family association. So, what are you waiting for? Visit the web site today to find out how to join. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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REWARD OFFERED

Need information to find who has possession of an old Bible printed in the German language at Halle, Germany in 1770. Believed to be the Bible willed to Jacob Eller by father George Michael Eller.

About 1957 it was in the possession of Mr. Wade E. Eller of Warrensville, N.C.

This info is described in book:

**GEORGE MICHAEL ELLER
AND DESCENDANTS OF HIS IN AMERICA**

by James W. Hook published in 1957, on page 27.

Call with info: 336-921-3430

Christine Eller Walker

Editor's Note: Please note that Christine is only asking for information about who has the Bible. She is not trying to buy it, but only to locate it and hopefully be able to examine it.

History in Stitches

by Jerry Taylor

(part of Jerry Taylor's talk at the EFA Conference concerned a quilt commemorating the history of Towns County, GA. The following are his notes from that that quilt discussion)



A replica of Towns County's sesquicentennial quilt

This quilt was designed by Quilla Thomas Bradley, Barbara Bone and Pat Meinecke and quilted by the Misty Mountain Quilters (partners-in-education) at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church as a teaching tool for Towns County history in our elementary school. It was created in celebration of the Towns County Sesquicentennial in 2006.

Notice the yellow ribbon serving as a timeline. Follow the path, beginning with the horse and wagon, and answer the following questions.

1. What highway did many of the early settlers follow into this area?

Prior to the existence of a toll road from the Tellico Block House to the Tugaloo River known as the Unicoi Turnpike a path existed over the entire route of the turnpike. In general, this was known as a Cherokee Trading Path.

Generally, the Trading Path that became the Unicoi Turnpike began at Tellico Block House on the Federal Road between Ramhurst and Knoxville, entered the Tennessee mountains at Unicoi Gap and traveled east to the area of present-day Murphy, North Carolina. From here the path turned south, followed the Hiawasse River to its headwaters just below the northern entrance to Georgia's Unicoi Gap.

Once through Unicoi Gap the path generally followed Spoilcane Creek to the ,Chattahoochee River. As it dropped some 800 feet from Unicoi Gap towards Sautee, the road crossed Spoilcane Creek and Chattahoochee River 11 times, basically creating switchbacks for people who used the trail.

Once it was in the Sautee-Nacoochee Valley the road continued east as the Chattahoochee turned south. The Sautee Store is built on the site where a road from The Crossings (present-day Clayton, Georgia) met the Unicoi Turnpike. This road was also part of the Cherokee Trading Path network and joined roads to present-day Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

From Sautee-Nacoochee to Toccoa the road passed through the northeast Georgia Mountains and reached Travelers Rest Historic Site.

Gen. James R. Wyly built the road, completing it in 1819. Many structures on the Unicoi Turnpike, including the Nachoochee Inn and at least 2 other inns were also built by Wyly. Depending on the terrain, these inns were 13 to 20 miles apart (a day's travel). In 1820 he built a brick home along the road north of Unicoi Gap. In this area of Towns County, the road was also known as Wyly Road. (Note: The old Brown house on the River.)

2. Why did the early pioneers come to north Georgia in the 1820s and 1830s?

Get rich quick- "There's gold in them thar hills ... "

And these illegal alien ancestors of ours (in the Cherokee Nation) coveted the Cherokee land ultimately resulting in Pres. Andrew Jackson's removal of the Cherokees to the West in 1838.

A popular song in Georgia at the time included this refrain:

*All I ask in this creation
Is a pretty little wife and a big plantation
Way up yonder in the Cherokee Nation.*

3. What material did the pioneers use to build their houses?

Log cabins

4. Who are those people who appear to be leaving the area?

Group led by Carey Waldrip trying to get the Georgia portion of UT designated with "Toff status"- turned down so far as current policy only allows the Ton network to begin at forts- closest fort was at Hayesville known as Fort Hembree, previously known as Hiwassee. And the truth is that by the removal in 1838 only a handful of Cherokee remained in Towns, having been scared off by our illegal alien ancestors and the Georgia militia did not protect the Cherokee as they were supposed to.

5. What is the oldest church (1835) organized in our county?

Macedonia Baptist Church

6. When was Towns County formed?

1856 from Union and Rabun

Went from upper Upper Hightower to the traffic light on hwy 515 at Morganton before coming into Blue Ridge, with Blairsville as county seat - The story is that the citizens wanted a courthouse that they could get to and do their legal business (vote, pay taxes etc) and get back home before dark.

7. Of which two counties had it been a part?

Union and Rabun

8. What is the name of the zig-zag in Towns County's northern border?

Montgomery Corner, 5 miles northeast, on the Georgia-North Carolina line, marks the southern end of a half mile of the State boundary line. It was established in 1818, by J. Camack and H. Montgomery, to mark the end of a survey run east from the corner of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, along what was thought to be the 35th parallel.

TN team reached thus far..... supposed to meet head on Conflict - all way to Supreme Court Moot case. However, in recent times

9. What historical event is suggested by the cannon?

The unCivil War

10. The next two buildings represent higher education coming to our county. In which decade did this occur?

Worst effect of CW on the South - the lowered educational level

A generation was growing up illiterate – courthouses

YHC (Methodists)

Hiawasse Academy (Baptists)

Late 1880s

11. The building with the steeple represents which school?

YHC- Susan B. Harris Chapel (1893)

12. The building with columns represents which school?

Hiawasse Academy (1922)

13. What industry came into our mountains in the 1880s?

Timber industry- clear cut and logged the mtns

Main sawmill and planing at Helen

Vogel from Milwaukee

Morris Bros

Ritters

Then to Pacific West and on to Florida

14. Towns County's oldest continuously operated newspaper is ____ ? When was it begun?

TCH 1928

15. What clandestine industry is represented by the next figure?

Illicit distilling aka moonshining

King of moonshiners - Bill Berrong - Scataway

16. Milling was important to the early settlers. Can you name at least one mill?

Townsend et al

17. Hiawasse and Young Harris are billed as AT friendly towns. To what does this refer?

Appalachian Trail friendly- business- mid school sc fair project

18. The poles and wires represent the coming of electricity our area. When did this happen?

What government agency made this possible? (Hint: It was not Georgia Power.)

1930s - New Deal = REA

1941+ TVA- flood control and electricity to improve quality of life of us poor Tn Valley ppl

19. The next figure shows a building on Main St., Hiawasse, currently undergoing a facelift. In what decade was it build? And what was its original name?

'1952

Lee IVL Happ Jr. Memorial Hospital

20. Next appears a host of people coming into the area. Who must that represent?

Influx of tourists- and retirees- who have discovered our land of mountain skies.

21. And last, before you start over, are some miscellaneous items. What do they represent?

Modern technology- computers, cell phones et al

Now you have been on a historic tour of Towns County from the 1830s to the present on a timeline encircling our beautiful lake, mountains, and wildlife under the shadow of Georgia's highest mountain, Brasstown Bald.

And your bonus questions is What is the old traditional name for Brasstown Bald?

Missing- chicken

[Jerry gave a similar talk earlier in the summer which is summarized below]

Stitches in Time

COMMUNITY, NEWS June 24, 2019 , by [Towns Co Content Specialist](#)

HIAWASSEE, Ga. – On Friday, June 21, Historian Jerry Taylor led the Mountain Movers and Shakers on a journey through Towns County's heritage, as depicted on an artistic quilt designed to wind its path from past to present. The 2006 quilt was woven in honor of Towns County's 150 anniversary by Misty Mountain Quilters Guild, and it is currently displayed as a teaching tool for educators at Towns County Elementary School. Taylor began the presentation by explaining that the golden thread that weaves its way around the quilt represents the Unicoi Turnpike which once served as a trade route through Cherokee territory.

The historian directed the group's attention to the patches within the quilt, beginning with the arrival of newcomers who sought fabled wealth through gold mining, the forced removal of the [Cherokee tribe](#) on the infamous Trail of Tears, the formation of Towns as a county entity, the turmoil of the "un-Civil" War, the establishment of the area's oldest chapel – [Macedonia Baptist Church](#) -and the origins of education. The voyage continued with the history of the logging industry which stripped virgin forests near [Tate City](#) bare, the introduction of information through a local printing press, the trade of illicit moonshine, the arrival of the [Appalachian Trail](#), and the creation of Lake Chatuge through the Tennessee Valley Authority. The tale continued with the construction of the county's premiere hospital, the foundation of [Brasstown Bald](#) as a state park, and lastly, the influx of settlers during the modern age of communication. The blazing, seven-pointed star represents the Cherokee clans, Taylor said, and the four corners of the quilt honor the Appalachian tradition of quilting itself.

Taylor shared colorful stories of families of old along the way, entertaining listeners with his range of knowledge. Mountain Movers and Shakers gather each Friday at 8 a.m. at Sundance Grill. Community speakers inform the open public on a variety of topics of interest.

From: <https://towns.fetchyournews.com/2019/06/24/jerry-taylor-leads-movers-and-shakers-on-a-historical-towns-county-journey/>

A Visit With Hermon Eller

by William Steve Eller

Hermon Eller was the son of Floyd Ray Eller and Della Arizona Eller. Floyd Ray goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son, Jacob. Della Arizona goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son, Joseph.

On 10 June 2021, I visited my distant cousin Hermon Eller on Upper Hightower in Eastern Towns County, Georgia.

Hermon told me a story about his family raising hogs. The family used to let their hogs roam the mountains up on Charlie's Creek Road close to Flat Branch. Every week Hermon and his mother (Della) would load up burlap sacks with corn and walk from their home to Flat Branch to feed the hogs. This was probably about a six or seven mile walk and mostly up hill. Other times during the week, the hogs fed off weeds and acorns. The hogs wore bells on their collar so they would be easier to find. Sometimes the hogs would have piglets and they would tag along behind their mother. Hermon remarked, "We would just call them ... sooeey pig sooeey and they would all come runnin".

Several years ago, we were walking around Charlie's Creek trying to find my great grandfather's (Hardy Washington Eller) old home place and Leon Berrong (an Eller Descendant) found an old bell on the ground. He also explained that people used to let their hogs run wild in the mountains and that this was one of the bells.

Hermon was the brother of Jewell Jay Eller who was found guilty of murdering Milton Melvin Maney in 1947. I have heard many versions of this story. Hermon has one that was told to him by his brother: Jewell Eller and Charlie Garrett (a cousin to Jewell) were trying to make a little money and went up to Milton Maney's house to see about making a deal on cutting some dogwood trees. It seems as if dogwood lumber was at a premium during this time as it was used to make furniture. Milton had helped them sharpen an axe and they were all on the front porch. Charlie Garrett had been drinking and all of a sudden picked up the ax and hit Milton with it. Jewell told Hermon that he didn't know that Charlie was going to do that. Milton was in a lot of pain and dying. Wanting to keep Milton from suffering anymore, Jewell stepped up and hit Milton again. Jewell and Charlie died in the Georgia Electric Chair on 5 November 1948. Their last words warned of drinking alcohol and that it was the reason they were in the electric chair. Since no one else was there, we may never know or be able to uncover what really happened. I thought Hermon deserved his version told just as much as anyone.

There is a road that turns off Upper Hightower Road just south of Hermon's house. This road is now named "Parks Road" but it used to be called Maney Road since Milton Maney was the only person living on this road. Hermon explained that a Parks man moved in from somewhere and lived there several years and when the county started putting up road signs, they named it Parks Road. It's a shame that the Maney History was taken away from the area. It would be great if some how the county could change the name back to Maney or Parks/Maney Road.

Hermon's mother used to cook meals for Milton after his wife passed. Milton's wife was Missouri Mae Eller. Mae had 16 children and passed away at age 48. Missouri Mae Eller goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son Joseph and Mariah Hedden Eller. I had wondered why

Hermon's mother cooked meals for Milton, so I did a little research and found out that Della's mother was Margaret Caroline Maney and a cousin to Milton.

Hermon had mentioned to me several times that his name was spelled "Hermon" and not "Herman". During this visit he was very chatty and told me why. His mother was reading the Bible before he was born and she came across Psalms 133:3. I went straight home and looked it up. "As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life forever more".

As I drove away that day, I was thinking about my ancestors in these North Georgia Mountains and how lucky I was to be connected to this beautiful Blue Ridge Region.

Interesting Side Note

by Dan Liggett

During our jeep tour of cemeteries around Hayesville, NC / Hiawassee, GA by Steve Eller, we were shown a house that Steve identified as Ranzey Eller's old house. Ranzey is my wife Lauren's great-great uncle and Steve's grandfather and also Deonda Eller Shook's grandfather. Anyway, I took a picture and did not think much more about it.



However, later in the conference, Steve Eller mentioned a fascinating booklet now on the EFA website entitled [Being Young In North Georgia](#) by Flo Eller Carter and I wrote that down, not realizing there was a connection.

After I got home and some time had passed, I saw the note about the booklet and looked at it briefly. While I did not have time to sit and read it right then, I happened to recognize a picture there. It was the same house that Steve had shown us on our jeep tour that he identified as Ranzey Eller's old house. Evidently that was Flo Carter Eller's house too. That's when I saw in the details of Flo's booklet that her father was John Ranzy Eller. What I read was indeed interesting. Follow the link to read it.

WANTED

Looking For Indiana Ellers

With the 2023 EFA Conference tentatively planned for the Bloomington, Indiana, area, planning chair Harvey Powers is looking for contacts and resources in that area.

The Bloomington area, and specifically Monroe County, was home to John Eller, Sr. (1786-1840), grandson of Christian Eller. He moved there from Kentucky with his family (including his mother) about 1832 and settled on the Eller Farm (about 400 acres) five miles west of Bloomington. He became a Justice of the Peace and a Probate Judge. Nearly a thousand of his descendants are documented in Eller Family database. Maybe you or someone you know is one of his descendants and are not aware of it. Follow this link to see if any of the names are familiar:

[Descendants of John Eller Sr](#)

Do you or any of your family have contacts in Monroe County, Indiana? Or can you trace your family back to John Eller, Sr.? If so, will you please contact Harvey at harv@harveypowers.com?

Eller Descendant **FOUND**

In the May issue of the Eller Chronicles, we expressed an interest in locating a male descendant of Jacob Eller of what has come to be known as the Roanoke Ellers:

Jacob Eller line (Roanoke Ellers) DNA

We are looking for a male descendant of Jacob Eller of the Roanoke Ellers who is willing to submit his DNA for the Eller Family Project at Family Tree DNA. The EFA will pay for the DNA kit and for the DNA test.

Soon afterward, we got a call from Howard Eller of Kokomo, IN whose ancestry goes back to the Roanoke Ellers (his 4th great grandfather was Jacob Eller, husband of Magdalena). Howard volunteered to do the DNA test as requested. We have since gotten a DNA test kit to him and he has sent it to Family Tree DNA for testing. We await the results in hopes of making connections not previously confirmed. Here is the line from which Howard Eller descends:

1 Jacob ELLER b. About 1758 (1760) d. Oct 1830

Magdalena [Unknown] b. 1752 d. 1830

2 Abraham Charles "Abram" ELLER, Sr. b. 5 Jun 1801 d. 31 Jun 1868

Mary "Polly" WERTZ b. 31 Mar 1814 d. 13 Dec 1906 (bur. Roanoke County, VA)

3 Abraham Charles ELLER, Jr. b. 2 Nov 1848 d. 18 Sep 1924 (b. Roanoke County, VA)

Salome A. BRUBAKER b. 17 Aug 1850 d. 3 May 1927 (bur. Howard County, IN)

4 Josiah Francis ELLER b. 21 Aug 1870 d. 16 Aug 1953 (b. Roanoke County, VA)

Orpha B. BRUBAKER b. 19 Jan 1859 d. 3 Jun 1947 (bur. LA County, CA)

5 Charles Abraham ELLER b. 28 May 1895 d. 16 Feb 1944 (b. Roanoke County, VA)

Faye M. BRUBAKER b. 21 Sep 1893 d. 11 Sep 1970 (bur. Howard County, IN)

Eller Descendant Was a "Flying Tiger" in WWII

Submitted by Harvey Powers

Andrew Jackson "Jack" Gadberry (1921-1997) was a member of the famous "Flying Tigers" unit in World War II.

Jack Gadberry was the Great-Great Grandson of Susan Elizabeth Eller (1814-1835) and is from the Christian Eller line (found [here](#) on the EFA website):

(Jack - Andrew Jackson Sr. - James Wiley - Andrew Jackson - Susan Elizabeth - George Jr. - Rev. George – Christian (Crissy)).

Jack Gadberry enlisted in the Army Air Corps Reserve 11 Jun 1942 and was called to pilot training in March 1943.

The original "Flying Tigers" under Claire Lee Chennault (1941-1942) was actually the "First American Volunteer Group (AVG)" of the Republic of China Air Force. They were composed of pilots from the United States Army Air Corps, Navy, and Marine Corps, recruited under President Franklin Roosevelt's authority before Pearl Harbor. Their Curtis P-40B Warhawk aircraft,



marked with Chinese colors, flew under American control. Their mission was to bomb Japan and defend the Republic of China.

After July 1942, when Jack Gadberry served, the original unit was incorporated into the Army Air Corps as the 75th Fighter Squadron but retained the "Flying Tigers" name. Gadberry was assigned to that unit at Kweilin and Chihkiang. He flew 16 missions in P-40's and 19 missions in P-51's. He was shot down over Hengyang in November 1944 but

"..walked out and returned to combat."

Gadberry was released from active duty in May 1946 but was recalled in 1951. He served until his retirement in 1968. Following his military service, he worked as a civilian engineer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Obituaries

We've included Eller obituaries in *the Chronicles* for many years. We've now added them [to our website](#) as well. Please let both the [Chronicles editor](#) and [the webmaster](#) know of the passing of any of our Eller cousins. If possible, let us know how they fit into our genealogy and give us a link to their online obituary.

Donnie Louvadi Hicks Berrong 1927-2021

Donnie Hicks Berrong passed away at the age of 92. Donnie was born on March 20, 1927 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Leona (Shook) Hicks in Tennessee. She attended Mt. Pleasant Church of God where she was in the choir and faithfully taught Sunday School.



Donnie was an Eller Descendant that went back to Sukey through her son Jacob. She was also a descendant through Ann "Betsy" Eller and her husband Jonathan Nicholson. And she married an Eller descendant who back to Sukey through two sons...Jacob and Joseph.

[[Obituary](#) / [Donnie Hicks Berrong in the EFA database](#)]

Lawrence "Skip" Eller III 1948-2021

Lawrence "Skip" Eller III, 72 of North Kingsville, passed away Sunday August 22, 2021 at Seidman Cancer Center in Cleveland. He was born December 22, 1948 in Geneva, Ohio the son of Lawrence, Jr. & Betty (Boyles) Eller. He graduated from Edgewood High School then joined the U.S. Navy.



He served two terms of duty in Vietnam. Skip is survived by his wife Carol (Lyon) of forty-six years.

[[Obituary](#)]

Lela Frances Garrett Mashburn 1940-2021

Lela Frances Mashburn passed away recently.

She was the daughter of William Kinsey Garrett and the granddaughter of Thomas S. Garrett. She traces her ancestry back to Mary Ann Eller and, through her, to Sukey Eller.



[[Obituary](#) / [Lela Garrett Mashburn in the EFA database](#)]

Oscar Youngblood, Jr. 1942-2021

Oscar Youngblood Jr. died July 27, 2021. He was 79.

Oscar's parents were Oscar and Reba Beck Youngblood. He traces his family back to Malinda Eller and William Gillespie.



[[Obituary](#) / [Oscar Youngblood Jr. in the EFA database](#)]

Ella Sue Edwards**1940-2021**

Mrs. Ella Sue Edwards, age 81, of Dalton, Georgia, departed this life Friday, July 30, 2021, at Regency Park Health & Rehabilitation. Sue was born June 12, 1940 in Hiawassee, Georgia, the daughter of the late Guy and Lucy Barrett Stroud. Sue is survived by her husband, Reverend Chester Edwards; sons and spouses, Chris and Karen Edwards of Tunnel Hill, Georgia, Barry and Janet Edwards of Cohutta, GA.



Ella goes back to Sukey Eller through Lucy Jane Barrett, Harrison Barrett, Marinda Hooper, Caroline Eller and Joseph Eller. Ella Sue's husband (Rev. Chester Edwards) is also an Eller Descendant, he goes back to Sukey's son Jacob.

[[Obituary](#) / [Ella Sue Edwards in the EFA database](#)]

Nancy Bauman Maney**1935-2021**

Nancy Bauman Maney, passed away peacefully on July 24, 2021, at the age of 85. Nancy was born in Nashville, TN on September 30, 1935. She was preceded in death by her parents Cliff and Clara Bauman, who she adored, and was their only child.



She was the wife of Jerry Maney who comes from the Jacob Eller line through Missouri Mae Eller.

[[Obituary](#) / [Nancy Maney in the EFAB database](#)]

Nikola Sowers Eller**1939-2021**

Nikola Maurine Sowers Eller of Pilot, Virginia, was born in Floyd, Virginia, and passed away on August 5, 2021, at the age of 81.

She was predeceased by : her parents, Fred Sowers and Maurine Sowers; her brother Frankie Sowers; and her great grandchild Ryan Joseph Atkinson. She is survived by: her husband Joel David Eller; her children, Darryl Eller (Patricia) of Lillington, NC, Rita Sunshine (Donn) of Wytheville, VA and Tina Morrell of Christiansburg, VA.



[[Obituary](#) / [Nikola Sowers Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Betty Eller "Bootie" Harless**1934-2021**

Betty "Bootie" Harless, 86, of Old Bramwell Road, Bluefield, WV, passed away on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at her home. Born on October 18, 1934 in Crane Creek, WV, she was a daughter of the late Walter and Cora Collins Eller. She was a member of the Mid-Way Christian Church and was a retired inspector for Joyce Beverage/7-Up.



[[Obituary](#) / [Betty Eller Harless in the EFA database](#)]

Tiney Kathleen Potts**1931-2021**

Mrs. Tiney Kathleen Potts, age 90 of Hiawassee passed away on Tuesday July 27th, 2021 at her home.

Mrs. Potts was born on July 23rd, 1931, a daughter to the late Thomas and Stella (Eller) Shook. She was a lifelong resident of Towns County and a proud mother, grandmother, and sister. She is preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Potts and 6 siblings.

[[Obituary](#) / [Tiney K. Potts in the EFA database](#)]

**Judy Ann Spiva****1956-2021**

Mrs. Judy Ann Spiva, age 65 of Harold Parham Road, Blairsville, passed away peacefully on Sunday July 4, 2021 in the Northeast Georgia Medical Center of Gainesville following an extended illness. Judy was born on January 9, 1956 in Young Harris, GA., daughter of the late Jackie Floyd Burrell and Wilma Louise Kelley.

She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and aunt. It brought Judy great joy to sing in the church choir every chance that she had.

She is from the Jacob Eller line thru Addie Leola Eller.

[[Obituary](#) / [Judy Spiva in the EFA database](#)]

**Betty Burnette Eller****1938-2021**

Mrs. Betty Jean Burnette Eller, 83, of Dalton, passed away Saturday, June 12th at Emory Hospital. She is the daughter of the late Effie Lou Gray Burnette and Fate Burnette.

She is survived by her husband Edward K Eller, daughter and son-in-law Cindie and Chet Grisso of La Habra Heights, CA, daughter and son-in-law Tammy and Randy Poplin of Dalton, GA, and son and daughter-in-law, Edd and Ginnie Eller of La Habra Heights, CA;

[[Obituary](#) / [Betty Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Latane Moss Youngblood****1941-2021**

Mrs. Latane "Jane" Mull Youngblood, age 80, of Hiawassee, passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2021 at her home. Mrs. Youngblood was born in Hiawassee, a daughter of the late Clarence and the late Kate Moss.

The grandparents were William H. "Bill" Moss and Rhoda L. Garrett (b.1879). Great grandparents were William K. Garrett and Mary Ann E. Eller (b.1848). Mary was the daughter of Joseph and Mariah Hedden Eller. Joseph's mother was Susannah "Sukey" Eller.

[[Obituary](#) / [Latane Youngblood in the EFA database](#)]



J. Nelson Eller, Jr.**1937-2021**

James Nelson "The Old Bear" Eller, Jr., 84, passed from this life on Saturday, April 24, 2021 in Savannah, GA due to complications from surgery. Born in Welch, West Virginia on February 1, 1937, he was a son of the late James Nelson Eller, Sr. and Margaret Hagy Eller. He attended Welch public schools until his father's work led the family to Hampton, Va.

Nelson Eller is from the George Michael Eller line through his son Peter Lenn Eller and Peter's son Jacob.



[[Obituary](#) / [J. Nelson Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Dr. Richard Warren Eller**1930-2021**

Richard Warren Eller, 90, passed away June 10, 2021, at his home in Canton, GA with his three adult children in attendance. Richard was born on June 14, 1930, in Brooklyn, NY to Warren and Marguerite (Stevens) Eller. Richard received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Temple University Medical School in 1959, and began his 50+ years career as an Anesthesiologist.

Richard is from the George Michael Eller line thru his son Peter Lenn Eller.



[[Obituary](#) / [Richard Warren Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Margaret Anderson Cothren **1950-2021**

Margaret was a member of the Lower Bell Creek Baptist Church, she also worked as a Deli Clerk at Ingles. She is preceded in death by her parents, Harley and Gracie (Burch) Anderson and her siblings, Darrell Anderson, Geraldine Gibson, and Patricia Bass. She is survived by her son, James Cothren; sisters, Emma Jean Whitten (Gene) and Muriel Chapman.

Margaret Sue goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son Joseph.

[[Obituary](#) / [Margaret Anderson in the EFA database](#)]

Richard "Dick" Eller**1940-2021**

Richard "Dick" Eller, recently of Phoenix, AZ and formerly of Spokane, WA, sadly passed away early Monday morning. He was 81. Dick was born in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and grew up in Spokane, Washington.

Dick Eller is from the George Michael Eller line through his son Peter Lenn Eller.



[[Obituary](#) / [Dick Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Millard Filmore Eller**1934-2021**

Millard Filmore Eller, 87, of Wilkesboro, passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson. Filmore was born May 25, 1934, in Wilkes County to Clyde and Nora Belle Faw Eller.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Ernestine Wiles and Arlene LeFever; four brothers, Franklin, Willie, Jimmy and Harold Eller. Filmore is survived by his wife of the home, Alberta Call Eller; and three sisters.

[[Obituary](#) / [Millard Filmore Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Bill Arthur Eller****1950-2021**

Mr. Bill Arthur Eller, age 71, of Gray, TN, passed away Friday, April 16, 2021 at his residence.

Mr. Eller was born in Asheville, N.C., son of the late Bill Arthur Mason Eller and Betty Coffey Eller. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Jerry Wayne Eller.

[[Obituary](#)]

**Ronnie Monroe Ledford****1968-2021**

Ronnie Monroe Ledford, age 53, of Hiawasse, Georgia passed away, Thursday, April 29, 2021. Ronnie was a member of Mt. Pleasant Church of God. He loved his family and his home here in the mountains.

Ronnie's grandfather was Cleveland Denton. He traces his line back to Susannah "Sukey Eller" through her daughter Malinda.

[[Obituary](#) / [Ronnie Monroe Ledford in the EFA database](#)]

**Charles Eller****1949-2021**

Charles W. Eller, 71, of Moundsville, WV, passed away Monday, April 5, 2021 at Wheeling Hospital. He was Born June 12, 1949 in Glen Dale, WV, son of the late Charles V. Eller & Barbara (Thacker) Eller.

Charles was retired from the Shoemaker Mine where he was a plant Electrician.

He is from the Henry Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Charles Eller in the EFA database](#)]

On The Lighter Side

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Many, many years ago when I was twenty-three,
I got married to a widow who was pretty as could be.

This widow had a grown-up daughter, who had hair of red.
My father fell in love with her, and soon the two were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law, and changed my very life.
My daughter was my mother, for she was my father's wife.

To complicate the matters worse, although it brought me joy.
I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad.
And so became my uncle, though it made me very sad.

For if he was my uncle, then that also made him brother
To the widow's grown-up daughter who, of course, was my step-mother.

Father's wife then had a son, who kept them on the run.
And he became my grandson, for he was my daughter's son.

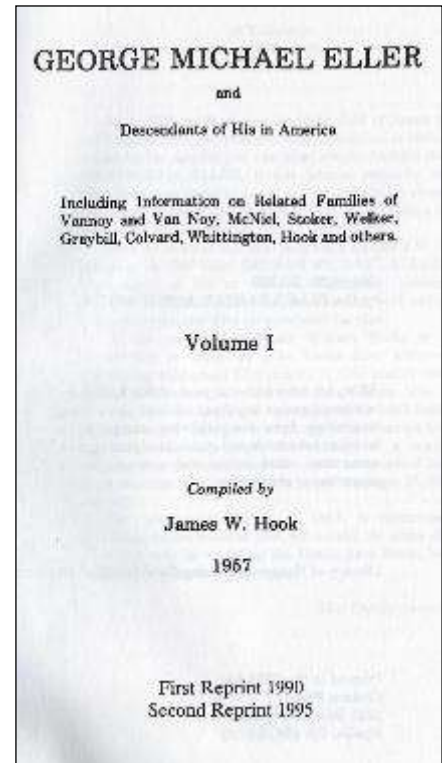
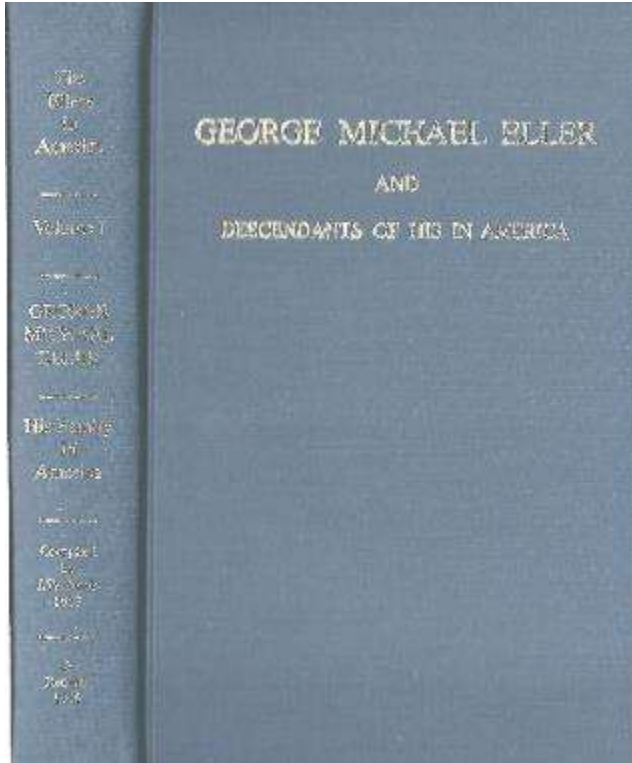
My wife is now my mother's mother, and it makes me blue.
Because, although she is my wife, she's my grandma too.

If my wife is my grandmother, then I am her grandchild.
And every time I think of it, it simply drives me wild.

For now, I have become the strangest case you ever saw.
As the husband of my grandmother, I am my own grandpa!!

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If you have any questions, Loveta can be reached by email at Loveta@comcast.net.

Her book can also be found on the EFA Website: [My Eller Cousins](#)





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James Hook printed the first work on the Eller genealogy in 1925 titled: *James Hook and Virginia Eller*. He printed the second edition on the Eller family after thirty-two years titled: *George Michael Eller and Descendants of His in America*. However, only a few copies of Hook's first two published works are still in existence.

According to tradition, the Eller ancestors were from the Palatinate of Germany, where Eller is the name of at least five villages. Eller means "dweller near the elder trees." The name was confirmed as being of German origin by its coat of arms, which was found in Reirstap's Armorial General P1 CCLXIII as well as by the will of George Michael Eller, written in German (1778) and recorded in Frederick County, Maryland. Strong evidence showing George Michael to the son of Georg Eller of Kaltenbrunn, Untermerzbach, Bavaria exists, showing George as the second son of the union of Georg and Margaretha Huels Eller.

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